

# LEWIS STRIKE OFFICE FIGHTING FOR PARITY

Farmers could no longer make a living on the family farm. They were heavily in debt with double digit interest, exports were suffering because of the economy, energy costs were high, land prices were plummeting, and there was an ongoing drought.



March 29, 1978 Bank meeting at the grade school in Albert, KS. Keith Sebelius was the speaker. "Lewis A.A.M. in full force attendance!"

- 1- Rocky Snyder 2- Darrel Miller 3- Mark Scheufler 4- Larry Matlack? 5- Jeff Mead 6- Jerry Stapleton 7- Lester Derley 8- Beverly Snyder  
 9- Jim Titus 10- Bob McKinney 11- 12- Don Bergner ? 13- Don McAllister ? 14. 15.  
 16- Dub Stapleton 17- Clara Stapleton 18- Judy McKinney 19- Karen Miller 20- Beverly Cornelison 21- 22. Zelma Mead  
 23- Jean Titus 24- Bill Nichols or Wilkerson? 15- Jack Wolfe 16- Dosca Wolfe 27- Tom



For a brief time there were AAM strike offices in Kinsley and Offerle, but when the Lewis office opened in January, 1979, it became the hub for Edwards County farmers. It was located in a small office in the Golden Manor Restaurant building on Main Street with its entrance in the back on the west side. It was open 6 days a week and was staffed with volunteers who kept the coffer pot full, answered the phone, disseminated information, worked on fund raising, organized activities and encouraged (or harassed) the politicians.



Edwards County farmers chartered a bus to attend the Tractorcade in Topeka on December 10, 1977.

